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MIDWIFE—RURAL DISPENSARY—DESAMANGALAM

59. **Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon** *(Cheruthuruthi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) if there is any midwife attached to the Rural Dispensary, Desamangalam;

(*b*) if not, whether there was a request for the appointment of one from the people?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No answer is necessary invi w of answer to (*a*).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): May I know whether there has been any restrictions with regard to the appointment of midwives to that particular dispensary ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Can the so called caste Hindus alone be appointed there ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: As far as I am aware there is no such restriction.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: If that is so will Government please see that peoples from other castes are also appointed there as midwives ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: That question does not arise now. There is already a midwife there.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether there is any practice now obtaining that only the so called caste Hindus can be appointed there as midwives?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I have already answered that question.

Mr. K. I. Velayudhan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: May I know to which place that midwife belongs ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

Mr. K. I. Velayudhan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Are there any application from the same locality which has been rejected by the Government on the ground that she was an Ezhuva lady ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

HOSPITAL, VADAKKANCHERI—ATTENDERS

60. **Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon** *(Cheruthuruthi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of attenders in the Hospital, Vadakkancheri;

(*b*) whether there has been any request from the Assistant Surgeon for more hands there?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) Nine Hospital servants. (6 Attenders, 2 Sweepers and 1 Cook)

(*b*) No request has reached either Government or the Chief Medical Officer.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)*: May I know whether the Government are aware that there is difficulty for want of medical attenders ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether the Government have any information as to the average number of attenders for various hospitals.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: They have full information on all those points.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: If the average number of attenders in the hospital is not sufficient it is impossible to do the work expected of them. Will the Government be pleased to increase the number of attenders. ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: There is already a proposal to increase the number of attenders in certain hospitals.

RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER—ERNAKULAM GENERAL HOSPITAL

61. മിസ്റ്റർ എം. കെ വറുഗീസ്: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു ദയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) എറണാകുളം ജനറൽ ആശുപത്രിയിൽ ഒരു റസിഡൻറ മെഡിക്കൽ ആഫീസറെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?